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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1746

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR OAU AO

SUBJECT: OAU A/SECGEN'S VIEW ON OAU RECOGNITION OF MPLA GOVERNMENT
OF ANGOLA

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 1196 (NOTAL), (B) ADDIS ABABA 1722 (NOTAL)

1. OAU ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PETER ONU
JUSTIFIED TO AMBASSADOR OAU'S RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS GOVT OF
ANGOLA (REF B) AS "SIMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ARTICLE 28 OF OAU CHARTER."

2. ONU STATED THAT SECGEN ETEKI HAD INFORMED OAU CHAIRMAN AMIN
ON FEB 10 THAT SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIREMENT HAVING BEEN MET, OAU
SHOULD PROCEED TO "RECOGNIZE" MPLA-GOA. THIS LED TO AMIN'S
ANNOUNCEMENT OF UGANDAN RECOGNITION SHORTLY THEREAFTER. ONU
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PREDICTS OTHER NATIONS (PERHAPS UP TO 35) WILL HAVE RECOGNIZED

BEFORE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CM) BEGINS HERE FEB 23 AND
ASSERTS 28 OAU MEMBERS (UGANDA AND TOGO INCLUDED) HAVE RECOGNIZED
MPLA TO DATE. MPLA GOVT, ONU SAID, WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FONMIN
AT OAU CM.

3. ONU STATED THAT PRESSURE ON NETO TO INCLUDE BAKONGO AND
OVIMBUNDU REPRESENTATIVES IN HIS GOVT WILL PROVE EFFECTIVE.
OF COURSE, THESE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD NOT BE SAVIMBI, ROBERTO
OR THEIR CLOSE COHORTS.

4. ONU ADVISED THE UNITED STATES YET AGAIN TO LOSE NO TIME IN
ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE WITH THE MPLA, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT MPLA
GOA HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO OAU.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY CANNOT PREDICT REACTION OF HARD LINE
MPLA OPPONENTS TO OAU'S RECOGNITION. ONU'S SCENARIO DIFFERS CON-
SIDERABLY FROM ASST SEC GEN NYNEQUE'S REPORTED REF A. ALTHOUGH IT
SEEMS RATHER UNLIKELY AT PRESENT, POSSIBILITY REMAINS THAT MPLA
OPPONENTS MAY FAIL TO APPEAR (OR WILL WALK OUT OF CM) THUS DENYING
CM QUORUM. THEY MIGHT ALSO FIGHT ISSUE HEAD ON, ESPECIALLY IF THERE
IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT ETEKI WAS PRESSURED TO RECOGNIZE MPLA
AS MOVE TO PREEMPT ANTI-MPLA ACTION ON PART OF PRO FNLA/UNITA
PARTISANS OF NATIONAL UNION GOA.

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